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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT ON ME POLICY FROM

PRO-ARAB BRITISH GROUP

1. ON OCTOBER 10 EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FOR PRESIDENT NIXON FROM PRESTIGIOUS COUNCIL FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ARAB-BRITISH UNDERSTANDING (CAABU). LETTER WAS HAND-CARRIED BY VICE-CHAIRMEN OF GROUP, CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW, PROMINENT LABOR M.P., AND SIR ANTHONY NUTTING, FORMER CONSERVATIVE M.P., FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL, AND PROMINENT AUTHOR ON ARAB POLITICS.

2. LETTER TAKES ISSUE WITH REPORTED U.S. POSITION IN UNSC THAT CEASEFIRE BE BASED ON RETURN OF ARAB AND ISRAELI FORCES TO 1967 POSITIONS. IT CITES WITH APPROVAL SECRETARY ROGERS' STATEMENT OF DECEMBER 9, 1969 THAT "WHILE RECOGNIZED POLITICAL BOUNDARIES MUST BE ESTABLISHED, AND AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES, ANY CHANGES IN THE PRE-EXISTING LINES SHOULD NOT REFLECT THE WEIGHT OF CONQUEST AND SHOULD BE CONFINED TO INSUBSTANTIAL ALTERATIONS REQUIRED FOR MUTUAL SECURITY."

IT ACCUSES US OF "EXCESSIVE PARTISANSHIP" TOWARDS ISRAEL SINCE 1967, ALLEGING THIS HAS DISCREDITED US THROUGHOUT ARAB WORLD, IN THIRD WORLD, AND EVEN AMONG US FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN EUROPE, COMPELLING HMG OVER

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LAST 2 - 3 YEARS TO "DISSOCIATE ITSELF PUBLICLY AND

WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY FROM THE UNCRITICAL SUPPORT"
GIVEN ISRAEL. EXPRESSING DISMAY AND SADNESS ON PART OF
THOSE WHO LOOKED TO WASHINGTON FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE
SEARCH FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND WORLD ORDER, LETTER
URGES US PRESIDENT "EVEN AT THIS LATE HOUR," TO
"RESET AMERICAN POLICY ON A MORE EVEN-HANDED COURSE."

3. COMMENT: CAABU IS PROBABLY MOST PRESTIGIOUS AND
INFLUENTIAL PRO-ARAB ORGANIZATION IN BRITAIN. ITS
TOP OFFICERS HAVE FREQUENT ACCESS TO FOREIGN SECRETARY
AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS. ITS CHAIRMAN, M.P. DENNIS
WALTERS, CALLED ON PRESIDENT SADAT ONLY ABOUT TEN DAYS
AGO, WE ARE TOLD -- AND WAS ASSURED BY HIM THAT EGYPT
WOULD NOT BE LURED BY ISRAELI MANEUVERING INTO A
RENEWAL OF THE FIGHTING.... WE THINK GROUP MEANS WELL,
IS BASICALLY VERY FRIENDLY TO US, AND WOULD DESERVE A
TACTFUL REPLY IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT.

4. LETTER IS BEING FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT (NEA/IAI)
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